



STATE OF DELAWARE
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COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 3:00pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Council Members Present:

Ted Williams (Chairman), Pam Scott, Martin Lessner, John Gilbert, Thomas Holmes

Council Members Absent:

Lee Beetschen, Bobby Fifer

DelDOT Staff:

Nicole Majeski, Secretary; Shanté Hastings, Deputy Secretary; C.R. McLeod, Director of Community Relations; Meaghan Barna, Community Relations; Aimee String, Community Relations; Pam Steinebach, Director of Planning; Michael DuRoss, Planning; Anson Gock, Planning; Josh Thomas, Planning; Michael Hahn, Planning; Colton Phillips, Planning; Humaria Nabeela, Planning; Jenn Cinelli, Planning; Brad Eaby, DOJ/DelDOT; George Lees, DOJ/DelDOT; Ken Feaster, DOJ/DelDOT; Lanie Thornton, Director of Finance; Melanie Carlson, Finance; Michael McConnell, Finance; John Sisson, CEO-DTC; Todd Reavis, Director of Technology and Innovation; Mark Luszcz, Deputy Director of DOTS

Guests:

Bryan Sullivan, OMB; Julie Fedele, LegHall; Lindsay Donnellon, FHWA; Doug Atkin, FHWA; Drew Boyce, Century Engineering; Philip Horsey, Pennoni; Kelly Brennan, Kathleen Baker, Maggie MacNamara, Jan Truzzolino, Laurie Holmes, Jeff Hans, Eul Lee, Ken Grant, Joan Lamoy, Bill Gaeckle, Savannah Edwards, Carol Conroy

Agenda Item # 1: Review and Approval of Minutes (December 10, 2020):

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order with a review of the agenda. He moved to the first agenda item of approval for the last COT meeting minutes on December 10, 2020 and

entertained a motion for approval. Councilwoman Scott made motion to approve. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by the Council.

Agenda Item #2: DelDOT Update:

Secretary Majeski provided a PowerPoint presentation on DelDOT updates. She briefed and reviewed slides to include: Department Initiatives; Transit Highlights; COVID-19 Impacts on DelDOT Finances; Trust Fund Revenues; Debt Services as a Percent of Revenue.

Chairman Williams asked questions:

Concerned about DMV revenues and if the slowed or non-existent new car market has been factored into the revenues. Secretary Majeski replied by explaining that DelDOT meets with dealers regularly to get updates of where they are. There was an unexpected increase in used car sales in the last three months of the fiscal year which has helped keep revenues up. This is something DelDOT monitors closely and will continue to monitor.

Asked about the current President making frequent trips back home to Delaware, and if the Department gets any money from the Federal Government for the additional operating costs that are associated with staff from DelDOT on traffic control? Secretary Majeski replied by explaining that DelDOT has not seen any type of reimbursements.

Councilman Lessner asked questions:

Asked if the state would be ready to apply for projects once the Infrastructure bill passes, which provides a lot of money for school and pedestrian related projects, and if there is a list of specific projects that DelDOT anticipates on applying for. Secretary Majeski replied by explaining that this bill is something that DelDOT has been very mindful of and preparing for. The Department will announce what projects they apply for once they are identified. Projects will be applied for based on eligibility. DelDOT has an existing Safe Routes to School program in the Division of Planning dedicated to those types of projects.

Agenda Item # 3: FY 23-28 CTP Project Implementation Update:

Deputy Secretary Hastings provided a PowerPoint presentation on project updates. She briefed and reviewed slides to include I-95 Restore the Corridor; 141 Improvement Projects; Camden Bypass; Route 13 Widening Project; Georgetown East Gateway; Route 24 Corridor.

Pam Steinebach provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Biennial CTP Process Timeline and the DelDOT Draft FY23-28 CTP Information. She briefed and reviewed slides to include: Biennial CTP Process Timeline; where to find CTP updates on the deldot.gov website; FY23-28 County Breakdown, New Castle - \$2.03 billion, Kent - \$0.71 billion, and Sussex - \$1.3 billion, with a total of \$4.04 billion.

Pam reviewed slides with project highlights in each county.

New Castle County:

- Port Area Truck Parking Facility Near the Port Area

Kent County

- Brenford Road (SR 13 to DE 42: Lynnbury Woods Road)
- Garrison Oak Connector Road (White Oak Rd and SR8)
- Irish Hill Road Upgrade (US 13 to Glen Forest Road)

Sussex County:

- Falling Point Road and Vines Creed Road (SR 26) Intersection Improvement
- Mulberry Knoll Road (Cedar Grove Road to US 9 at Old Vine Road) Extension
- Postal Lane (Linden Lane to SR 1) Improvements
- Redden Road Improvements (Oak Road to Kings Road Crossroads)
- Shady Road (Plantation Road to SR 1) Improvements
- US 113 and Avenue of Honor/E. Piney Grove Road GSI
- US 113 and Redden Road/E. Redden Road GSI
- US 113 and Shortly Road/Bedford Road GSI
- W. Line Road and SR 54 Intersection Improvement

Pam presented the draft FY23-28 CTP Public Hearing Dates; New Castle – 9/15/21, Kent – 9/23/21, and Sussex – 9/29/21.

Chairman Williams entertained a motion from the council to move the CTP for FY23-28 out to public comment in the month of September. Councilwoman Scott made a motion to approve. Councilman Holmes seconded the motion, and the motion was approved to move the CTP for FY23-28 out to public comment in the month of September.

Agenda Item # 4: Public Comment

Chairman Williams then opened the floor for questions or comments. There were no comments. Chairman Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Scott made a motion to approve and Councilman Holmes seconded the motion.

A video recording and presentation of this virtual meeting can be found at DelDOT.gov website and on the DelDOT YouTube page.

Respectfully submitted,
Meghan Niddrie, Recording Secretary